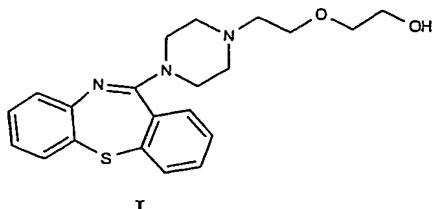


What is claimed is:

1. A method for the preparation of the compound of formula I

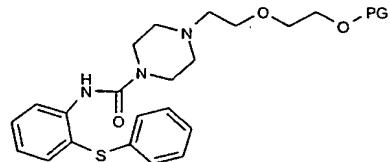
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I

10 by treating a compound of the general formula II

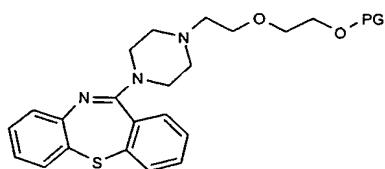
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II

wherein PG is a protective group, with a ring closure agent to produce a compound of formula VII

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VII

and removing the protective group to produce compound I.

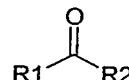
2. The method of claim 1, wherein PG is benzoyl.

- 30 3. The method of claim 1, wherein the ring closure agent is phosphorus oxychloride and phosphorus pentoxide.

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4. The method of claim 1, wherein the compound of formula II is prepared by reaction between 2-phenylsulfanylphenylamine, a compound of formula VI

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VI

wherein R1 and R2 may independently be halo, p-nitrophenyl, imidazolyl or -OR
wherein R is alkyl or aryl; and

- 10 a) 1-[2-(hydroxyethoxy)-ethyl]piperazine, whereby the protective group PG in
formula II is subsequently attached;
b) an O-protected derivative of 1-[2-(hydroxyethoxy)-ethyl]piperazine.

15 5. 4-[2-(2-hydroxyethoxy)-ethyl]-piperazine-carboxylic acid (2-phenylsulfanyl-phenyl)-
amide

- 15 6. Benzoic acid 2-{2-[4-(2-phenylsulfanyl-phenylcarbamoyl)piperazin-1-yl]-ethoxy}-
ethyl ester

- 20 7. Benzoic acid 2-[2-(4-dibenzo[b,f][1,4]-thiazepin-11-yl-piperazin-1-yl]-ethoxy]-
ethyl ester